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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Introduced by:
 (VA)

AN ACT CONCERNING MAKING PERMANENT THE UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FOR MILITARY SPOUSES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1   Section 1. Subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of
2   section 31-236 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes is
3   repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
4   *1, 2008*):

5   (2) (A) If, in the opinion of the administrator, the individual has left
6   suitable work voluntarily and without good cause attributable to the
7   employer, until such individual has earned at least ten times such
8   individual's benefit rate, provided whenever an individual voluntarily
9   leaves part-time employment under conditions that would render the
10   individual ineligible for benefits, such individual's ineligibility shall be
11   limited as provided in subsection (b) of this section, if applicable, and
12   provided further, no individual shall be ineligible for benefits if the
13   individual leaves suitable work (i) for good cause attributable to the
14   employer, including leaving as a result of changes in conditions
15   created by the individual's employer, (ii) to care for a seriously ill
16   spouse or child, or parent domiciled with the individual, provided

17 such illness is documented by a licensed physician, (iii) due to the
18 discontinuance of transportation, other than the individual's
19 personally owned vehicle, used to get to and from work, provided no
20 reasonable alternative transportation is available, (iv) to protect the
21 individual or a child domiciled with the individual from becoming or
22 remaining a victim of domestic violence, as defined in section 17b-
23 112a, provided such individual has made reasonable efforts to
24 preserve the employment, but the employer's account shall not at any
25 time be charged with respect to any voluntary leaving that falls under
26 subparagraph (A)(iv) of this subdivision, or (v) for a separation from
27 employment that occurs **[**during the period beginning**]** on or after July
28 1, 2007, **[**and ending on June 30, 2008,**]** to accompany a spouse who is
29 on active duty with the armed forces of the United States and is
30 required to relocate by the armed forces, but the employer's account
31 shall not at any time be charged with respect to any voluntary leaving
32 that falls under subparagraph (A)(v) of this subdivision; or (B) if, in the
33 opinion of the administrator, the individual has been discharged or
34 suspended for felonious conduct, conduct constituting larceny of
35 property or service, the value of which exceeds twenty-five dollars, or
36 larceny of currency, regardless of the value of such currency, wilful
37 misconduct in the course of the individual's employment, or
38 participation in an illegal strike, as determined by state or federal laws
39 or regulations, until such individual has earned at least ten times the
40 individual's benefit rate; provided an individual who (i) while on
41 layoff from regular work, accepts other employment and leaves such
42 other employment when recalled by the individual's former employer,
43 (ii) leaves work that is outside the individual's regular apprenticeable
44 trade to return to work in the individual's regular apprenticeable trade,
45 (iii) has left work solely by reason of governmental regulation or
46 statute, or (iv) leaves part-time work to accept full-time work, shall not
47 be ineligible on account of such leaving and the employer's account
48 shall not at any time be charged with respect to such separation, unless
49 such employer has elected payments in lieu of contributions.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*July 1, 2008*	31-236(a)(2)(A)

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